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EDITOR’S CORNER

Happy Spring, everyone.

This month, I’m turning this column over to a couple of young guest writers who have an important message. I would also like to encourage any other aspiring young journalists in Rutland Park to get in touch with us, if you would like to share some writing with the community.

-Dan Ferguson, Editor, The Post

Please take notice of our current traffic situation with this article. We would just like to give a friendly reminder to try and help us make our neighborhood a safer place. We have noticed a few problems in our area that we thought we should bring up, such as:

- Reckless driving
- Icy roads
- Parking in front of other people’s driveways

We know it’s been cold and the roads have been slippery, but just because the season is changing doesn’t mean it’s not important to think about safety. If anyone slips, or goes too fast, it could cause a big accident, so please respect speed limits and the safety of yourself and others. Some ways that we can all help keep our streets safe include:

- Looking all 3 directions before crossing the street (left, right, and forwards.)
- Using signal lights when stopping or turning.
- Not speeding.
- Please respect the driveways of others- people could become trapped inside or outside of their drive ways if you park in the wrong spot.

Thank you for reading and helping us make our streets safer.

Sincerely,
Zoe Ferguson and Aurora Mulligan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We look forward to receiving your letters. Please let us know if you have suggestions about articles or events. We also welcome any kudos you would like to give to a neighbour.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



I have taken over as interim President, but we would love to have a volunteer that could join our Board as President. Depending on your time commitments, you could chair our 2 hour monthly meeting and monitor and respond to emails, or you could also get involved in a number of initiatives both around our communities and around the City—we appreciate whatever time you have to give!

If you don’t feel that you are able to take on the position of President, we would also appreciate your participation around community initiatives such as resiliency, engagement and communication, building safe communities, our annual clean up, and social activities. You can join the Board, join/head up a committee, volunteer at events, or contribute to our newsletter— many hands make light work, and many minds make what we do more meaningful. Please join us where you can!

Leanne Ellis
Acting President



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Kiera	14	403-922-6067	Yes
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The new rate structure is:
Hourly Rate: \$50/hour
Admin and Cleaning Fee: \$75/rental

A four hour minimum rental is required on Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

If you are interested in renting the hall or would like more information on any of the classes running at the hall, please contact Lizzel Krueger at hallrentals@rutlandparkcommunity.com.

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We would like to invite community seniors to join the fun exercise programs we offer at Chartwell Royal Park. Come alone or bring a friend! We are looking forward to meeting you.

- Monday (9:30a) – Stretch & Relaxation
- Tuesday (10:30a) – Exerfun
- Wednesday (1:30p) – Gentle Exercise
- Wednesday (2:30p) – Stay Sharp for Fit Minds
- Thursday (10:00a) – Rhythm & Moves
- Friday (10:30a) – Exerfun
- Saturday – no classes
- Sunday (2:30p) – Sit 'n Get Fit

Occasionally, class substitutions or cancellations may occur – please call Amanda at 587-287-3940 to confirm prior to visiting.

Community Clean Up Save the Date!

The RPCA and the City of Calgary
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closer to the date.

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DEVELOPMENT & TRAFFIC REPORT



I would just like to highlight
what has been happening/
going on behind the scenes
this past month, in no par-
ticular order:

1. I wrote a letter to follow
up my meeting with MP
Kent Hehr requesting that
he intervene with Canada
Lands in an effort to solicit
a guarantee of future
community use space for

Currie Barracks residents; I will continue to pursue this
request on behalf of the current and future residents
of Currie.

2. I wrote an email to Mayor Nenshi asking him to
reconsider keeping Rutland Park in Ward 11 with
Lincoln Park and our lower density neighbours, rather
than moving us into the higher density boundary of
Ward 8, especially given the campaign changes for Ward
11. Unfortunately, the City is not prepared to make any
further changes to the boundaries at this time.

If you have not already signed up for our email updates,
please do so at our website-- rutlandparkcommunity.com. The City often gives us very short notice for up-
coming events, and this is the quickest way for us to
reach you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Leanne Ellis
RPCA President • development@rutlandparkcommunity.com

Ukrainian Night at the RPCA

WOW!! The Ukrainian Night on Saturday, Feb 25th was a great celebration of Ukrainian music, dancing, and food. The event was great last year and great again this year, with a sold-out audience.

We were also blessed with a wonderful display of Ukrainian embroidery, painted eggs, pictures, handicrafts, and a book written by community resident Leisa Hawryluk, about her life in Ukraine and leaving during the Second World War. The book's title is *Orphan of War*.

Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian neighbours shared stories, asked questions and honoured the Ukrainian culture and people.

The Hopak Orchestra and Dance Ensemble entertained us with music and dance. There is nothing better than seeing the young celebrating and practicing their culture. A great evening was had by all, and we look forward to having everyone back again next year.

We thank Isabelle Reznik and Megan Justason for all their hard work in organizing this wonderful event.



Musings from the Meadows Meet the Neighbours

Diane Tait Part two

Hello one and all, happy spring.

Soon we will be out in our yards planting flowers, hosting barbecues-the usual fun stuff. By the time this goes to print, our Ukrainian Festival will just be a happy memory. On the personal level, thanks to our many guests who came out to spend some time with us. Also, thanks to the social committee for the excellent work, and last but not least to the Hopak Dance Group and orchestra. You rock!

Now on with Diane's story. I asked her, "How are communities and our association connected to all of us?" She replied, "when I hear the word community, it says family to me. We all live with a family, which brings us unity, a sense of purpose, common goals and a better future. When a community acts like a family by providing connections, it gives me pride to be part of it...as a family member." Well spoken Diane.

Finally, I asked Diane, "do you have any wish or concern for Rutland Park in the future?" Diane replied, "in my eyes Rutland Park is probably one of the safest, and best communities in the city of Calgary. We are close to a vast variety of amenities, which is a plus for seniors, and those of us who do not drive. Personally, I would like to see a better use of our beautiful hall that would involve more free activities for the young and old who live here."

I enjoyed interviewing and speaking with Diane, these unsung heroes are the heart of this community. Thanks Diane.

See you all next time, but meantime as always do take time to "smell the roses."

Warmest regards, Isabell

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Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

Our Mission and Values:

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent fashion
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole

- V. Communicating board decisions with one voice
- VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- connectedness: bringing people together
- knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
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WalkAbout



"Well, finally Spring is here, Teangi!"

"Well, let's hope. Maikai 'cuz I hear it is going to be a wetter and hotter summer this year."

"Well, that is great for the gardens and great for you because you like your puddles!! You see a puddle and you head right for it, much to the chagrin of Gayle."

"This is the month to plan your garden and clean along your fence in the alleyway. Many people think the alleyway is a place to store junk. When you do that it reflects what you think of your neighbours who have to see it everyday."

Some people have turned their alley part into a place to plant raspberries, squash, or potatoes – a good use of land.

"Another thing to do during the spring, is to keep your bird feeders full. The birds are migrating and need lots of energy to get to where they are going. They bring life to your garden and songs to your ears, Maikai."

"Yeah, and it is fun to chase them just for the exercise."

"Now that it is spring we don't get to watch the "Dueling Shovels" every time it snows so we will have to look for a more summery past time."

"Explain the dueling shovels bit, Teangi."

Well, it is the challenge of older versus younger, neighbour versus neighbour to do a kind deed. It is played between Krista M and Harvey N to see who can shovel each other's walks first. I think they were tied by the end of snowfall season. In this world, it is nice to see kindnesses happen like this."

"Another thing we have to look forward to the annual community clean-up. That is such a fun day with

everyone working together, helping to clean up the neighbourhood, getting to know each other better, and having a relaxing time afterward."

"The one thing we are usually short of is volunteers with trucks!! We know a lot of people in the community with a truck and we would like them to volunteer some of their time to help haul things that seniors have difficulty with as well as the handi-capped and single parents.

If everyone just donates part of their day it makes life so much easier and you will feel better having done a good deed."

Please contact Sue with questions; she will also sign you up for a time slot. See the ad in this newsletter or phone the RPCA at 587 356-3321

Here are our parting words: "What is the difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws at the end of its paws, and one is a pause at the end of a clause."

WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR MORE KUDOS FROM YOU REGARDING KINDNESSES BY NEIGHBOURS. You may phone them in if you wish – just call the Community phone number.

BYLAW REPORT

Just a 'heads up' to those people with tent trailers, campers, and holiday trailers parked on the front of their property. According to Bylaw IP2007 of the City of Calgary, this is not allowed. You might want to move them before someone complains.

CURRIE BARACKS REPORT

We are still looking for a person from Currie Barracks to step forward and be the liaison for CB. Patti did a great job in establishing communications with the whole community and has now stepped up to be our treasurer. Thank you, Patti.

If you are interested in filling this position please contact Leanne or phone the community phone line at 587 356-3321.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Rates

Family 1 Year = \$15
Family 3 Year = \$36
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Membership Rates—Memberships cover a period from October 1 to September 30 of the following year

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Please consider becoming a member. You can **sign up using the form below**, or you can contact **Shirley Williams at 403-240- 4777** to register (and/or make payment if you are not paying online with PayPal or your credit card).

These reasons are all familiar to the Board of Directors, but it's important to understand how your membership helps out the whole community. Here are a few examples of what we achieved over the past 12 months:

Events and Activities

2015 Hallowe'en Party RPCA Hall (Oct '15)
Ukrainian Cultural Celebration (Meal & Entertainment) (Nov '15)
RPCA Kids Christmas Party (Dec '15)
Christmas Wish Tree for Children & Youth (Dec '15)
Volunteer Appreciation & Celebration of 2015 Volunteer (Leanne Ellis) (Jan '16)
Resiliency Project Workshop in collaboration with Knox Presbyterian (non-denominational) (Feb '16)
Seniors' Fitness (Fall & Winter sessions)
Family Movie Night (Partner & Sponsor DDRC)(Sept '16)
Billie & Cheer Chili Cook-off (Feb '16)

Parents & Tots (Mondays (9:30-11:30 am)
St.Paddy's Pub Night & Name That Tune (Mar '16)
Easter Egg Hunt (Mar '16)
Parade of Garage Sales & Sarcee Meadows Sidewalk Sale (June '16)
Spring Clean-Up (June '16)
Website Improvements & Updates (ongoing)
Show & Shine Antique Car Show (partnering of Royal
On-line Membership application & payment
Park Retirement Residence & RPCA) (Aug '16)
Trial Concession at the Skate Shack (Drinks & Snacks)

On-going advocacy regarding:

Currie Barracks: ongoing development reviews with Canada Lands, parking restrictions and development site safety
Rutland Park: Land use, Major Renovations & New Builds
All RPCA Communities: Traffic & Pedestrian Safety
Skate Shack Expansion & Upgrades (ongoing)
Community Garden (second year of Operation)
Little Free Library established in the Community Garden
Website Improvements & Updates (ongoing)
On-line Membership application & payment
Representation at City of Calgary Projects that Impact RPCA communities with comprehensive Reports back to RPCA via monthly updates in THE POST and on the Website under Traffic Development
RPCA volunteers raise funds for RPCA
Projects by volunteering two nights at an Assigned Calgary Casino (Jan '16)
The Post delivered to your home the first of The month & on this RPCA website
The RPCA Board hopes you will deem these efforts worthy of your support through MEMBERSHIP.
If you want to help with the membership committee please contact me at:
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Shirley Williams

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Looking back at Budget 2016 and forward to 2017

Our government focused on investing in the middle class and working towards a more innovative economy. By directly investing in Canadians and families we are putting our country in better stead with firmer foot forward into the future.

At the tail end of 2016 our government approved two major pipelines after consulting with Canadians, building up an environmental consensus with the carbon price, and creating the balance between the environment and industry. By doing this work we are building the framework to create long term prosperity of Alberta and all of Canada.

On the subject of building up long term prosperity for our country – my colleague in cabinet and fellow Alberta Liberal Member of Parliament, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, is continuing his work to invest in projects like the Green Line LRT, flood mitigation projects, and more for our city. Since the 2015 election our government has invested some \$3 billion into Albertan infrastructure: more than the last five years of the previous government combined.

Looking back at Budget 2016 we went forward with three of our main platform planks. First amongst them was the Canada Child Benefit which gave simpler, tax-free, and more generous and better targeted help to families. 9 out of 10 Canadians families benefit from higher payments under our newly implemented system – and is now on the way to lifting hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty.

Our second commitment was a middle class tax cut. As one of our first acts as a government was to cut taxes for nearly 9 million Canadians by reducing the second personal income tax rate, and delivering tax relief to Albertans.

Thirdly – we created a \$2.7 billion reform package of Employment Insurance to support Albertans and Canadians during the commodity price downturn. By re-

ducing wait-times (from two weeks to one week), and specifically work with Albertans on accessing more benefits, these changes would support those impacted by the decrease in oil prices. Some of these benefits we extended benefits up to 50 weeks for hurting Albertans, with long-tenured workers able to receive an additional 20 weeks up to a maximum of 70 weeks. Further to this – we doubled the maximum of the work-sharing agreements to 76 weeks.

Budget 2017 will be a continuation of our work as a government. We are actively seized with supporting the middle class and working towards a better future for all. More details will be available at budget.gc.ca.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.

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The Session is back on at the Legislature, and I've been proud to be working for you on things to help make life better for Albertans. We just introduced the new budget, which I am proud to support. Our government will continue to protect healthcare, education and other key services for Albertans. The budget also is investing in construction jobs to build the key infrastructure to put Albertans to work and get our products and resources to market.

I am also happy that the budget shows this government is careful with the money that belongs to Albertans. Just last month, Finance Minister Joe Ceci announced new salary caps for CEOs at 23 of Alberta's agencies, boards and commissions. Gone are the days where golf club memberships are the norm – the pay and benefits are now in line with others across the country.

I'm really encouraged that many of you continue to contact me about the Climate Leadership Plan. As you probably are aware, putting together this plan and the carbon levy has delivered two new pipeline approvals. Prices for the basics like food and gas have not spiked as some falsely claimed. And, the plan is providing Albertans with innovative opportunities to diversify our economy while also investing in ways to help lower your power bills. A \$36 million, two-year rebate program is helping families, business, and nonprofits install rooftop solar panels. This program is expected to create 900 jobs and reduce solar installation costs by up to 30% for homes and 25% for businesses.

Making your lives more affordable is one of the key aspects of our consumer protection agenda. This work began with addressing the outrageous fees attached to payday loans last fall, and continued with the banning of door-to-door energy sales this past January. The next phase of consumer protection is a new engagement process on builder licensing. This will engage Albertans in how we can develop a builder licensing program for Alberta's residential construction and renovation industry. The goal is ultimately to give Albertans peace of mind that their home has being built to a safe standard.

Making life more affordable obviously starts with helping parents raise strong families and ensuring children

have every opportunity to succeed. Alberta's new Child Benefit is helping parents and reducing child poverty, and payments for eligible families with children just went out in February. David Eggen, the Minister of Education, has also announced a new Minister's Youth Council to get feedback and ideas from students from across Alberta on education issues. If you are junior or high school student in one of Calgary Currie's fine schools, you can apply here - education.alberta.ca/myc - before 5 May 2017.

While much of April will be spent in Edmonton at the Legislature, I will be in our riding every weekend and for Constituency Week that runs from April 24 to April 28. As always, if you have any additional questions, concerns, or would like meet, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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The spring sitting of the Legislature began March 2nd with the Speech from the Throne. In it, the government outlined their agenda, including cuts to school fees, capping electricity rates and formalizing the phase-out of coal-fired power by 2030.

While I agree with some of their ideas, in particular relief for families paying some of the highest school fees in the country, there doesn't seem to be a plan to pay for these promises; or at least no plan beyond unsustainable levels of debt.

I acknowledge there are no easy answers to the economic challenges facing our province. As the economic downturn moves into its third year, many people are wondering what the future holds for our province. Will the government ever balance the budget, let alone start to pay back our debts? Will a new government slash public spending, lay off hundreds if not thousands of public servants and decimate front-line public services? Or is there another path?

Earlier this spring I released a white paper called *Pathway to Prosperity*, which you can find on the Alberta Party Caucus website at www.abpartycaucus.ca. I believe it's time to consider all options, and to ensure we ask Albertans what they think along the way, which is why I'm asking for your feedback. Please contact my office at the information below to share your thoughts on this document or anything else you'd like to tell me.

In terms of specifics, I believe the solution should include finding savings in government spending without hurting front-line services. It means ending our reliance on unpredictable resource revenues once and for all, while ensuring our energy industry remains strong. It means making our tax system as efficient as it can be and creating an attractive investment climate. I believe Albertans should keep more of their hard-earned money and we should examine new, stable sources of revenue to provide sustainable funding for core public services.

Alberta can once again become a vibrant province that attracts people from all over the country and around

the world. We can have a robust economy, efficient government, clean environment, innovative education and healthcare systems, a great quality of life, and a community that values diversity. We can continue to have a world-leading energy industry while also taking a step into the next economy.

All of this is possible if we're willing to think differently. It's time for Albertans to do what we've always done; ask difficult questions and not be afraid of the answers.

BUDGET TOWN HALL

I need to hear from you, my constituents. What is important to you as our province moves forward? I'm hosting a Budget Town Hall on **Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at the Marda Loop Communities Association (3130 16 St SW)**. Join me there to share your thoughts on the government budget that was tabled mid-March, and to let me know what your priorities are. For more information on the town hall visit www.calgaryelbow.ca.

As always, you can contact my constituency office any time at (403) 252-0346 or calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca.

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I have had the greatest pleasure to be the Councillor for Ward 11 in Calgary since 2007. I embarked on this journey dedicated to explore opportunities to make our community and our city a more sustainable and inclusive place. My passion for this work has never waned throughout the past almost 10 years. I am as committed to our community today as I was when I decided to make the step into municipal government. I remain committed to building and supporting our community as I take my next step.

All that said, as of February 7th, 2017, I have decided to not run in the 2017 Municipal Election.

When I started in 2007, I was passionate about a number of issues and had many goals that I wanted to achieve. I feel that I have done so, including changing the way we grow our city, abating the unsustainable and expensive suburban sprawl pattern we had experienced for the last 50 years, improving cycling infrastructure, expanding transit, and supporting a vibrant arts sector. I discovered a few goals along the way that surprised me, especially my passion for improving the auditing process at the City of Calgary - a process I led in 2008-11. And through it all, working with communities across Ward 11 to support them, addressing their challenges and issues, and initiating new ways to engage their neighbours has been incredibly rewarding.

There are issues that I was determined to make significant headway on that I think need more work. I wish that I had been successful on getting a ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides in our city, to protect our children when they are playing in the yard or the neighbourhood park. As I have worked on the affordable housing file for many years with the Federal and Provincial governments, as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, I have come to realize the challenges for addressing this very significant issue in Calgary lie with the other orders of government. Provincial and Federal policy and financing are key barriers to making real progress to provide safe and affordable housing for all. As well, the work of Reconciliation with indigenous peoples is just beginning. This too will require the commitment of all orders

of government to work together to be true partners with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is more work to be done. I don't know what my next step is; but I do know that the only way to discover what opportunities lie ahead is to close the current door.

I will continue to work for a more inclusive community, where everyone has a chance to succeed in their own way and on their own terms. I remain dedicated to the deep egalitarian principles that I believe are embedded in the psyche of this great city, our strong province, and our welcoming and inclusive country. I truly am excited to see how I might be doing that in the future.

I have deep thanks to all those who have supported me as the Ward 11 Councillor for the past 10 years. It has been an honour to work with and learn from all of you. It has been a pleasure working with the wonderful staff in the Ward 11 office; they have made it a joy to come to work each day. I also have had the honour of working with City of Calgary staff who are dedicated, day in and day out, to making our city better. Last, and never least, has been the opportunity to work with residents across Ward 11 to make their communities better. You have always been an inspiration to do more and to try harder.

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